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Navy Issues Record of Decision for Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing public comments, as well as the operational and environmental effects of the proposed action, has announced the signing of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The ROD announces that Alternative 2 – the Navy’s preferred alternative – will be implemented.

The AFTT EIS/OEIS analyzed training and testing activities conducted in the AFTT Study Area. The AFTT region covers approximately 2.6 million square nautical miles and encompasses the at-sea portions of Navy training range complexes and research, development, testing and evaluation ranges along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States.

The AFTT EIS/OEIS updated the science and analyses of environmental studies that were completed in 2009. This environmental analysis will enable at-sea training and testing so the U.S. Navy can effectively prepare forces to meet national requirements while remaining good stewards of the environment. The results of this study, which incorporated the best available science, coupled with Navy’s demonstrated track record (60-plus years) of similar training and testing with minimal environmental impacts, indicate that the activities proposed in this EIS/OEIS will continue to have minimal effects on marine mammal and other marine species populations. Monitoring of Navy activities over the past five years supports these conclusions.

The Record of Decision for the Final EIS/OEIS is available for review at www.AFTTEIS.com.

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